

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached eleven (11) sheets of drawings, Figures 1 to 11, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 to 11.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Frisby and her supervisor, Monica Carter, for the courtesy of a telephone interview during which time an important aspect of the invention not taught by the prior art was discussed. That aspect is reflected in the claims as they now stand amended. Tentative agreement was reached subject to further searching and review of this response.

THE REJECTION

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dolan. Claims 3, 9 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dolan in view of Bakst. Claims 4, 10 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dolan in view of Mak. Claims 5, 11 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dolan in view of Harrison.

In response to the rejection of Claims over Dolan in view of Baskt, Claims 3, 9 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice.

It is submitted that, based upon the amendment to Independent Claims 1, 7 and 13, in combination with the remarks herebelow reflective of the discussion during the telephone interview, all claims now in the case are allowable.

THE INVENTION

The invention is generally directed to an audio visual educational device in which a viewable indicia is presented associated with the audible sound that the object represented by the viewable indicia makes, emanates or is projected from the exact location of the particular viewable indicia located on a housing.

An electronic controller within the housing selectively produces and emits the corresponding audible sound from the sound-emitting area immediately in close proximity to the viewable indicia.


By this arrangement, the child first selects a viewable indicia and activates the device by pressing for example on the viewable indicia causing the electronic controller to produce an audible sound which emanates from the particular sound-emitting area which is in close proximity to the image of the viewable indicia. This directing of the child's attention directly to the viewable indicia selected and then hearing the sound made by the object displayed or depicted in the viewable indicia which emanates from exactly that position on the housing enhances the educational affect of the invention.

None of the prior art teaches this aspect of the invention in its entirety or in combination. The primary reference to Dolan which is tantalizingly close in appearance to the embodiment of the present invention shown in Figures 1 to 3, includes only a single sound-emitting area **14** associated with the plurality of viewable indicia of various objects which emit a distinctive sound. Thus, although a child may select a particular object as represented by one of the viewable indicia, the sound that the object makes always emanates from the same position **14** on the housing **10**.

It is submitted that this case and all amended claims contained herein are in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested. However, if Examiner Frisby finds any remaining issues, she is requested to contact the undersigned directly by telephone in an attempt to resolve those remaining issues prior to issuing any further

written office actions.

Respectfully submitted,


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